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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response replies to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005.

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